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### **Recycling Helps Improve City Recreation Facilities**

#### *City Council District Two Most Popular Area to Drop-Off Recyclables*

**SAN DIEGO, CA**—The Environmental Services Department presented the Mission Bay Recreation and Community Council with a \$8,555.45 check to help improve the park and recreation facilities. The check, presented at the Santa Clara Point Recreation Center on February 15, 2006, represents one year of revenue generated from the sale of recyclable materials collected at recycling drop-off locations in Council District Two, represented by Kevin Faulconer.

In 2005, visitors to the council district deposited 620,238 pounds of recyclable plastic and glass beverage containers along with aluminum cans, newspapers, cardboard, office paper, catalogs, magazines and mixed paper.

“Recycling at City park and recreation drop-off locations gives back to the community and stretches the life of the Miramar Landfill,” said Elmer L. Heap, Jr., director of the City’s Environmental Services Department. “The City’s only landfill could fill in approximately six years and it is imperative that we divert waste from entering the landfill to conserve landfill space.”

Seven recycling drop-off bins located in Mission Beach provide revenue to the recreation council: the Santa Clara Point Recreation Center, Aquatic Center, Belmont Park, Bonita Cove West, El Carmel Point, Mission Point, and West South Mission. Other District Two recycling drop-off locations include the Ocean Beach, Pacific Beach and Presidio recreation centers, and the Robb Field Recreation Center and Skate Park. The revenue from recyclables collected at each site goes back to that site.

The District Two recycling drop-off locations are among 44 drop-off sites within the City’s park system currently participating in ESD recycling programs. Council District Two ranges from approximately from La Jolla to Point Loma and inland to Little Italy and Downtown.

Since 1992, the program has diverted approximately 15,000 tons of recyclables from disposal at the Miramar Landfill and earned \$820,872 in revenue from the sale of recyclables. The materials deposited at each center have helped purchase items at the recreation facilities such as jerseys and trophies for youth leagues, gymnastics mats, tennis court nets, table tennis equipment, benches for basketball courts, brochures, and funded special events such as spring egg hunts.

For information about the City’s recycling programs, please call the Environmental Services Department at (858) 694-7000 or visit [www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/](http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/). Facts on the importance of recycling in San Diego may be found at [www.RecycleOrElse.com](http://www.RecycleOrElse.com). For general information about City parks and recreation centers, go to [www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/index.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/index.shtml).

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